

Exp 398 Hellenic Arc Volcanic Field

The information provided herein was prepared by the IODP Travel Office to assist you and/or your organization in arranging travel for your participation in the cruise. We respectfully ask that you take the time to become thoroughly familiar with this information as soon as you receive it.

As a reminder, you and your funding organization will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Travel expenses en route to and from the ship, including airfare, lodging, meals, taxis, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- 2) Airline reservations - all reservations must be arranged through your travel agency or organization's travel office. U.S. funded participants should contact the U.S. Science Support Program for assistance with booking flights.
- 3) All costs associated with obtaining required visas.

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RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION

The IODP Reconnaissance sheet is attached separately. This provides essential logistical information regarding your participation in the cruise (the ship's schedule, your expected arrival dates in port, port agent's name, and address). We suggest a copy of this be carried with you to the port city should you need the port agent's name and telephone number for directions to the ship's exact docking location. Please note, unless advised in advance, transportation from the airport to the hotel is the traveler's responsibility.

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VISA INFORMATION

Check with your local consulate or embassy for visa requirements. If your nationality requires a visa to enter Spain or Greece, the standard rule is to apply at least 20 days before your trip. However, we strongly recommend that you apply for visas as soon as your flights are scheduled.

U.S. Visa Holders - Non-U.S. participants who hold U.S. visas, such as an H1B, J1, or TN, and who plan to return to the U.S., should ensure that their visas do not expire during the cruise. ***IODP will not be liable for any costs incurred to participants as a result of inadequate or expired visas.***

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PASSPORT INFORMATION

Passports are required for all participants because the ship is **Cyprus** registered. **Passport information MUST be sent to IODP** – IODP is required to forward this information to the agents in the port cities prior to your arrival to satisfy Customs & Immigrations requirements, and to facilitate your entry into the country and your embarking/disembarking the ship. If you have not already sent this information to Donna Hoover (hoover@iodp.tamu.edu), please do so at your earliest convenience.

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LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

This letter explains the purpose of your travel and should be used only if questioned by officials en route to your destination. A letter will be sent electronically to each participant closer to your departure.

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HOTEL INFORMATION

Barcelona, Spain – December 2022

RENAISSANCE BARCELONA FIRA HOTEL

Plaza Europa, 50 - 52 | 08902 L'Hospitalet de Llobregat | Barcelona

t: +34 93 261 8000 f: +34 93 297 3840

www.renaissancebarcelonafira.com

Group rate: 130 € (Euros) per night, single occupancy

- Rates include: Accommodation, complimentary internet.
- 10% VAT not included (subject to changes)
- Barcelona City Tax 1.20 € + 10% VAT not included
- Breakfast is excluded from room rate

To guarantee reservation in the room block, click the link below.

SCIENCE PARTY IODP

Start Date: Thursday, December 8, 2022

End Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

- Renaissance Barcelona Fira Hotel for 130 EUR per night

[Book your group rate for SCIENCE PARTY IODP](#)

The group room block will be available until 14 November 2022. All bookings received after 14 November 2022 will be based upon availability.

Since you are required to quarantine upon arrival at the hotel, if you are arriving before 3 pm, we recommend that you reserve the night before as the hotel does not guarantee early check-in.

During quarantine, housekeeping should not enter the rooms to clean at all. Guests can request extra towels or linen at all times and it will be dropped off outside of the rooms. Same for meals. There is no direct contact in order to keep everybody safe during the quarantine phase. Meals can be ordered directly with the hotel room service or on the Uber Eats app (hotel delivery fee will apply).

The hotel cancellation policy for the group is:

From signature to 25 days before arrival date (November 14th): 25% cancellation fee

From 15.11.22 to 24.11.22: 50% total stay will be charged

From 25.11.22 to 02.12.22: 75% total stay will be charged

From 03.12.22 to arrival date: 90% total stay will be charged

The penalty will be charged to the delegate's credit card number provided in the reservation.

The hotel will be the meeting location for the shuttle transport to the ship.

Amenities:

WIFI, phone, TV, mini fridge, kettle with instant coffee and tea & desk are all in the rooms.

Hotel Transportation: Transportation from the airport to hotel will be by prearranged transportation if possible. If prearranged transportation is not possible, the traveler should seek transportation that allows as much social distancing as possible, rather than riding in crowded vans or buses.

Check-in/Check-out Time: Check in time is 3 p.m. and checkout is 12 p.m.



HOTEL INFORMATION

Heraklion, Greece – to be determined

REQUIRED NOW – FLIGHT INFORMATION

IODP is required to provide the Port Agent with a complete Travel Manifest. This is mandatory for Immigration Notification. Without advance notification, entry may be denied. Once your flight arrangements are confirmed, please provide an electronic copy of your flight itinerary to:

Beverly Stanford
TEL: +1 (936)348-0629 cell
EMAIL: bjwilson@tamu.edu